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In re application of: **Daryl S. Meredith et al.**

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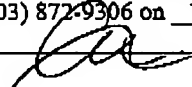
For: **MITER SAW**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 20, 2004.

Currently pending therefore in the present application is Claim 1.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,425,294 ("Ushiwata") in view of US Patent No. 5,974,927 ("Tsune"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 calls for a miter saw comprising a base assembly, a rotatable table rotatably connected to the base assembly and having a plane, a saw assembly including a motor, and a blade disposed on an arbor, the arbor having a first portion carrying the blade, a second portion disposed away from the blade, and a first gear disposed on the second portion, an intermediate